

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A seatbelt device, comprising:
 - a pretensioner configured to cooperate with an anchor;
 - wherein said pretensioner includes a connector portion, ~~the connector portion including a pulley configured for a wire to pass over,~~ and
 - wherein the anchor is configured to be inserted into and engaged with said connector portion; and
 - wherein said connector portion includes a latch mechanism for engaging said anchor with the connector portion, and a disengagement prevention mechanism for preventing disengagement between said connector portion and said anchor in the event that a force acts upon said connector portion in a direction that urges disengagement of the connector portion and the anchor, ~~and when the pretensioner generates gas in event of an emergency, the wire is configured to pull the connector portion in a direction towards a bracket,~~ wherein the disengagement prevention mechanism comprises an elastic prevention member configured to be attached to and fixed into position by the latch mechanism when the anchor is engaged with the connector portion.
2. (Original) The device of Claim 1, wherein said latch mechanism comprises a latch for engaging said anchor with said connector portion and an elastic pressing member for pressing said latch in the direction of engagement between said anchor and said connector portion.
3. (Canceled).
4. (Currently Amended) The device of ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 2, wherein said elastic pressing member and said elastic prevention member are both formed of leaf springs.

5. (Currently Amended) A device for protecting an occupant of a vehicle comprising:

a seatbelt;

an anchor connected to a lap belt portion of the seat belt for securing the lap belt portion of the seat belt to the vehicle;

a pretensioner ~~engaged~~ configured to be engaged with the anchor, ~~wherein said pretensioner includes a connector portion, the connector portion including a pulley configured for a wire to pass over and when the pretensioner generates gas in event of an emergency, the wire is configured to pull the connector portion in a direction towards a bracket;~~

a first elastic member positioned and configured to urge the anchor and the pretensioner to remain engaged when the anchor is engaged with the pretensioner; and

a second elastic member positioned to prevent the pretensioner and the anchor from being disengaged when a force is applied to the seatbelt in the event that the vehicle is involved in a collision, wherein the second elastic member is configured to be attached to and fixed into position by a latching mechanism when the anchor is engaged with the pretensioner.

6. (Original) The device of Claim 5, wherein the elastic members are leaf springs.

7. (Original) The device of Claim 5, further comprising a tongue connected to the seat belt.

8. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 7, further comprising a buckle for receiving the tongue when the seat belt is worn by the occupant.

9. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 5, further comprising a retractor for winding the seatbelt around a spool when the seatbelt is not being worn by the occupant.

10. (Currently Amended) A seatbelt device, comprising:

a pretensioner configured to cooperate with an anchor, wherein said pretensioner includes a connector portion; and

an inner cover with one end attached to the connector portion and an opposite end attached to a wire holder,

wherein the anchor is configured to be inserted into and engaged with said connector portion; and

wherein said connector portion includes a latch mechanism for engaging said anchor with the connector portion, and a disengagement prevention mechanism for preventing disengagement between said connector portion and said anchor in the event that a force acts upon said connector portion in a direction that urges disengagement of the connector portion and the anchor, wherein the disengagement prevention mechanism comprises an elastic prevention member configured to be attached to and fixed into position by the latch mechanism when the anchor is engaged with the connector portion.

11. (New) The device of Claim 1, wherein the disengagement prevention member comprises two apertures that mate with the latch mechanism to prevent disengagement between said latch mechanism and said anchor.

12. (New) The device of Claim 11, wherein the latch mechanism comprises two protrusions with notches that mate with the two apertures of the disengagement prevention member.

13. (New) The device of Claim 1, wherein the disengagement prevention member is fixed to left and right sides of the latch mechanism.

14. (New) The device of Claim 5, wherein the second elastic member comprises two apertures that mate with the latch mechanism to prevent disengagement between said pretensioner and said anchor.

15. (New) The device of Claim 14, wherein the latch mechanism comprises two protrusions with notches that mate with the two apertures of the second elastic member.

16. (New) The device of Claim 5, wherein the second elastic member is fixed to left and right sides of the latch mechanism.